



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Thurs (6.30pm)

Confessions: Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Christ the King (B) Sunday, 24 November 2024 Mass Book p160

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 24 th Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Jason Coyle RIP Teresa Alderton RIP	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)
Mon 25 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	St Catherine of Alexandria
Tues 26 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	Feria
Wed 27 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	Feria
Thur 28 th Nov	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	Feria
Fri 29 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	Sts Cuthbert Mayne and Companions
Sun 1 st Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Sheila Curry RIP Pro-populo Holy Souls	First Sunday of Advent (C)

Reflection

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, a solemnity instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 through the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Introduced in response to rising secularism and the erosion of Christian values in public life, the feast proclaims the universal sovereignty of Jesus Christ over all creation, human societies, and individual lives. Rooted in St. Paul's declaration, "*He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet*" (1 Corinthians 15:25), the day reminds us that true peace and order come only under Christ's reign.

Unlike earthly monarchies, Christ's kingship is one of humility and sacrificial love. He reigns not through force but through the Cross, wearing a crown of thorns. As St. Augustine

reflects in *The City of God*, Christ's kingdom is built on grace and truth, not on earthly power or domination. For us as disciples, the feast is a call to entrust our lives to this Servant-King, recognizing His sovereignty over every aspect of existence. Fulton Sheen writes that when we enthrone Christ in our hearts, His peace harmonizes the disordered passions of the soul, restoring unity and purpose.

The magisterial teachings of the Church, particularly from Vatican II, emphasize the eschatological dimension of this feast. While Christ's reign is already present in the Church and in the hearts of believers, it will reach its fullness at the end of time when all creation is reconciled in Him (*Lumen Gentium*, §36).

This eschatological hope ties the feast to the end of the liturgical year, a period of reflection on ultimate realities, and leads seamlessly into Advent, which begins next Sunday. Advent invites us to prepare for Christ's coming—not only at Christmas but also in His final return as King of glory.

Together, we reflect on how the Feast of Christ the King serves as a bridge between the conclusion of one liturgical cycle and the commencement of another. It calls us to a deeper commitment to Christ's reign in our lives and to enter Advent with renewed hope and expectation. Let us journey together into this new season, allowing the kingship of Christ to guide us, transform us, and draw us ever closer to the realization of His kingdom.

World Youth Sunday

Today is World Youth Sunday. Our second collection will especially support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit (www.tinyurl.com/scys1) or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at (www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

Assisted Suicide Bishops' Statement

With only a week remaining until the parliamentary debate and vote, the bishops urge Catholics and all who share our belief in the sanctity and value of every human life to contact their local MP, expressing their opposition and requesting that they either oppose or abstain from supporting the Bill.

New Translation of Lectionary and Advent Season

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and we will begin using the newly revised translation of the lectionary during Mass. Please note that our current parish Mass booklets still contain the previous translation. Therefore, for those who follow along in the books, what is read aloud may sound slightly different from what you are reading. We aim to procure new booklets as soon as we have raised sufficient funds. A massive thank you to all who have contributed to the acquisition of the altar lectionary used at Mass. We continue to appeal to your generosity to help us acquire the new booklets shortly.

St Osmund's School Christmas Fair

Please join us at the St Osmund's School Christmas Fair on Saturday 30 November, from 11-3pm. There is something for everyone; a festive Santa's grotto, mulled wine and BBQ, crafts and games, Christmas carols and more. A perfect opportunity to support our parish school and do some Christmas shopping!

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a half-hour Advent Reflection, followed by social drinks at The Lamb pub: meet Thursday 5 Dec, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward's Church, Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right of church), newcomers are particularly welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: (donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

Art and Faith: A Series of Lectures - Thurs 12 Dec. 7.15pm, St Osmunds Church.

Join us as we enter into the spirit of Advent for a new lecture series "Art and Faith," with the inaugural lecture by Dr Teresa Lane, an esteemed art historian and professor. With a focus on the Annunciation, Dr Lane explores how artists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance interpreted the Gospel narratives surrounding Christ's Incarnation. Refreshments provided.

Christmas Carol concert - save the date!

All welcome for a carol concert in the hall at 7.30pm on Fri 13 Dec with mulled wine.

Church Flowers - drivers needed

We need volunteer drivers to help collect the beautiful flowers donated to our church by Freddie's Flowers each week. We collect them on Wednesday mornings from Heston (J3, M4) then place them in water in the flower room ready for the flower team to arrange. Full details will be provided. If you can spare circa 3 hours once every 8 weeks or so, please contact the parish office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk) Thank you.

A Ceremony of Carols

Thames Philharmonic Choir presents a carol concert on Sat 21 Dec 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Kingston KT11JP. See poster on the noticeboard or see: (www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk)

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Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Jane Waddington, Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Mary Kelly, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Susan Sardell, John Gibbons, Richard O'Mahoney, Bridget Keane, Diana Thompson, Pamela Carrigan, Julia Sullivan, Stephen Kiselick and Carlos Jose-Menendez.

Salve Regina

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.